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Sir:

1. I, Ralph E. Smith, am a registered practitioner having a registration number of 35,474.

2. In response to a Notice of Abandonment mailed on September 21, 2001, I carefully searched Applicants' file jacket and docket records to determine whether an Office action mailed on February 2, 2001, had ever been received in connection with the present application.


3. Based on my search, I verified that our office is the address of record for the present application. The last document entered in Applicants' file (other than the Notice of Abandonment) is a "Response to Office Action" mailed on November 28, 2000, which was responsive to a first office action mailed August 29, 2000. I could find no evidence indicating that any Office Action mailed after the Response to Office Action was ever received by our office.

4. Likewise, I could find no evidence that our docketing system ever indicated that a response was due for the present application based on an Office action mailed on February 2, 2001.

5. I further verify that the attached docket report listing all items having a due date of May 2, 2001, is an accurate report of my search of our docket records.

Respectfully submitted,

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All Actions Due Report betw 5/2/2001 and 5/2/2001 with cod

Atty	Date Received	Due Date	Case #	Title	Appl. Filed	Title
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EPB

5/2/2001	C92-669/US/1	Maintenance Fee - 7 year maintenance fee	12/18/1992	An Output Assembly For A North-South Transaxle
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TOTAL: 1 Office Actions Received for EPB

JRY

2/2/2001	5/2/2001	P705393/US/1	Allowance -	1/29/2000	METHOD OF PRODUCING A HOLLOW PROFILE WITH FLANGE
2/2/2001	5/2/2001	C99-458/US/1	Amendments -	1/29/2000	APPARATUS FOR SECURING CARGO WITHIN A MOTOR VEHICLE

TOTAL: 2 Office Actions Received for JRY

LJS

5/2/2001	C91-1632/US/1	Maintenance Fee - 7 year maintenance fee	9/23/1992	STEERING COLUMN TILT ASSIST
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TOTAL: 1 Office Actions Received for LJS

RAF

3/2/2001	5/2/2001	C97-1461/US/2	Missing Parts -	12/20/2000	DUAL ACTION HINGE ASSEMBLY
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TOTAL: 1 Office Actions Received for RAF

5 Office Actions Received for Entire Patent Office